GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:234
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2006
PARCEL AND LUGGAGE SERVICES
Karunakaran Shri P.

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of Railway porters have been denied deployment under the new policy adopted by the Railways in regard to parcel and luggage services;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Railways have received representations from various quarters to reconsider the said policy;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the decision taken by the Railways thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 234 BY SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2006 REGARDING PARCEL AND LUGGAGE SERVICES.

(a). No, Sir.

(b). Does not arise.

(c) to (e) With a view to prevent accumulation of parcels on platforms and convenience to passengers, booking and carriage of parcel traffic was rationalized by Railways. Under this policy, parcel booking and handling has been allowed where adequate halts are available. The booking and movement was planned by direct trains. Representations have been received against rationalization policies. No reduction has been done in deployment of railway porters on account of new policies. Exemptions such as one transhipment enroute and loading/ unloading in short halts in some cases has been allowed.

Luggage booking has been exempted from rationalization.